

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A soft capsule, as a finished product, encapsulating a medicinal liquid comprising a dietary fiber in an amount of 5 to 90% by weight based on a whole composition of the medicinal liquid;

wherein said medicinal liquid is a suspension in liquid form which is homogenized and the dietary fiber facilitates suspension of components of the medicinal liquid and functions to stabilize the suspension, and

wherein said soft capsule is substantially free of any dispersion stabilizer.

2. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 1, wherein said dietary fiber is contained in an amount of 5 to 60% by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid.

3. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 1, wherein said dietary fiber is either a micronized vegetable fiber or a water-soluble dietary fiber.

4. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 2, wherein said dietary fiber is either a micronized vegetable fiber or a water-soluble dietary fiber.

5-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 1, wherein said soft capsule is substantially free of any fat and oil material or oil-soluble material.

10. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 2, wherein said soft capsule is substantially free of any fat and oil material or oil-soluble material.

11. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 3, wherein said soft capsule is substantially free of any fat and oil material or oil-soluble material.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 1, further comprising either a fat and oil material or an oil-soluble material in an amount of 50% or less by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid.

14. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 2, further comprising either a fat and oil material or an oil-soluble material in an amount of 50% or less by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid.

15. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 3, further comprising either a fat and oil material or an oil-soluble material in an amount of 50% or less by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously presented) A soft capsule as defined in claim 9, further comprising a material of limited oil-solubility other than the dietary fiber in an amount of 1 to 80% by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid.

18. (Previously presented) A soft capsule as defined in claim 14, further comprising a material of limited oil-solubility other than the dietary fiber in an amount of 1 to 70% by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid;

said fat and oil material or oil-soluble material being contained in an amount of 1 to 50% by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid.

19. (Currently amended) A soft capsule, as a finished product, encapsulating a medicinal liquid consisting essentially of:

a dietary fiber in an amount of 5 to 90% by weight based on a whole composition of the medicinal liquid; and

a material of limited oil-solubility other than the dietary fiber in an amount of 1 to 80% by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid;

wherein said medicinal liquid is a suspension in liquid form which is homogenized and the dietary fiber facilitates suspension of components of the medicinal liquid and functions to stabilize the suspension, and

wherein said soft capsule is substantially free of any dispersion stabilizer.

20. (Currently amended) A soft capsule, as a finished product, encapsulating a medicinal liquid consisting essentially of:

a dietary fiber in an amount of 5 to 60% by weight based on a whole composition of the medicinal liquid;

a material of limited oil-solubility other than the dietary fiber in an amount of 1 to 70% by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid; and

either a fat and oil material or an oil-soluble material in an amount of 1 to 50% by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid;

wherein said medicinal liquid is a suspension in liquid form which is homogenized and the dietary fiber facilitates suspension of components of the medicinal liquid and functions to stabilize the suspension, and

wherein said soft capsule is substantially free of any dispersion stabilizer.

21. (Previously presented) A soft capsule as defined in claim 17, wherein said material of limited oil-solubility comprises a powder material or a soft extract material.

22. (Previously presented) A soft capsule as defined in claim 18, wherein said material of limited oil-solubility comprises a powder material or a soft extract material.